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"How to Pay for College" Seminar

Please join Congressman Elijah E. Cummings for his annual "How to Pay for College Seminar" on Monday, November 9, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Coppin State University Physical Education Complex located at 2523 Gwynns Falls Parkway in Baltimore, Maryland.

For 19 consecutive years, Congressman Cummings has hosted the seminar to inform constituents in Maryland's 7th congressional district about educational opportunities and financial assistance programs to enable them to attain a college education.

More than 30 exhibitors will be available to discuss their academic and financial aid programs with attendees, including representatives from community and state colleges, public and private universities and scholarship organizations. A list of confirmed exhibitors can be found [here](#).

A Financial Aid Seminar will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Physical Education Complex Indoor Concourse area.

Please call the office of Congressman Elijah Cummings at 410-685-9199 or visit www.cummings.house.gov to confirm your attendance.



Greeting

Halloween was always my children's favorite holiday. Dressing up, being outdoors after dark, knocking on neighbors doors created a night of magic. The tradition and the fun continue this week.

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Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, October 31.

You should also remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors as daylight savings time ends.

The Math of Architecture and the Architecture of Math

Co-sponsored by the Howard County Library System, Howard Community College, Howard County Public School System, Leadership Howard County, Columbia Festival of the Arts and ManneqArt – Math of Architecture and Architecture of Math explores emotionally charged placemaking, from the brilliant perspectives of Bill Zahner and Joni Newkirk, both of whom share quantitative expertise to deliver highly qualitative experiences.



This event takes place on Tuesday, November 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Smith Theatre.

A Performance by The Columbia Orchestra

The Columbia Orchestra returns to [The Gordon Center for Performing Arts](#) for a family concert on Sunday, November 8 at 3:00 p.m. Narrator Greg Jukes and dancers from Dance Connections join the Orchestra for Saint-Saëns' **Carnival of the Animals**, along with musical highlights from **Harry Potter**, Bizet's **Carmen**, and Dvorak's **New World Symphony**.



This concert will be a fun, interactive program for kids!

Tickets:

\$15 Adult, \$10 Child (up to age 15) in advance, and \$17 Adults, \$12/Child (up to age 15) at the door

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 410-356-7469 or visit www.gordoncenter.com.

Help Keep Storm Drains Clear

As the leaves begin to fall, Howard County Department of Public Works asks residents for help in keeping our storm drains clear of debris.



Residents can help protect their property and the Chesapeake Bay by keeping leaves and other yard debris out of the roadways.

When leaves and yard debris decompose, that causes nutrients to leech into our waterways, which causes algae and can kill fish and other marine life.

Caregiver Workshop

November is National Family Caregivers Month and in conjunction with the month, the Howard County Office on Aging will host its 4th annual workshop for caregivers, "The Caregiving Journey: Strategies, Support, Success." The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 14, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the North Laurel Community Center, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road in Laurel. The \$10 conference fee includes all materials, continental breakfast and lunch.

The workshop will open with "Taking Care of the Caregiver," a keynote presentation by Barbara Catlin, highlighting the critical importance of caregivers to make time to nurture themselves. Following the keynote address, attendees can attend a variety of informative workshops.

To register by phone or follow the link at www.howardcountygaging.org/caregiver to register online.

Highland Day

On October 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Greater Highland Crossroads Association and the Highland Business Association celebrate all that is unique about the quaint, crossroads community of Highland, Maryland.

This festival brings together the Highland community and welcomes new friends to enjoy the activities and varied offerings of local merchants, exhibitors, and artisans.

Enjoy a focus on family fun with live entertainment, a variety of foods and beverages, a micro-brew beer garden, promos from Heart of Highland merchants, kids' games and activities, old-fashioned hayrides, a Halloween costume parade and more. Your destination is the Highland Crossroads at the intersection of Maryland Routes 216 and 108. For more information, click [here](#).

Family Volunteer Day

Join Howard County Recreation & Parks for its annual Family Volunteer Day, Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at parks through out Howard County.

This is a day for families, friends, scouts, religious and community groups to increase their sense of unity by assisting with projects that improve our County parks and historic sites. Participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the Howard County Food Bank. For more information or to register for a worksite, visit www.hocovolunteer.org and keyword search "family." Rain date is Saturday, November 14.

Women 2016 Hall of Fame Nominations

Howard County's Commission for Women is seeking nominations for outstanding women to be inducted into the 2016 Women's Hall of Fame. This annual event honors Howard County women who have made significant contributions to Howard County, the State of Maryland or the nation through their profession and/or community service and who are models of achievement for tomorrow's female leaders. The deadline for submission is Monday, November 23 at 5:00 p.m.

To be eligible for this award, nominees may be either living or deceased and must have lived in Howard County for at least 10 years. Up to five women will be selected for induction at the Commission's annual Women's Hall of Fame Ceremony on March 10, 2016 in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building in Ellicott City.

To obtain a copy of the nomination form, visit the Department of Citizen Services' website at www.howardcountymd.gov/cfw.htm or contact the Department at 410-313-6400 or by email at women@howardcountymd.gov.

Halloween Fun

Pumpkin Chunkin'

As part of their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) classes and clubs, local students will compete in the Howard County Recreation & Parks annual pumpkin-launching competition on Sunday, November 1, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Robinson Nature Center.

Teams will be judged on accuracy, precision, documentation and catapult design. For more information about this competition, call 410-313-0400 or visit the [website](#).

Halloween, Dinosaurs & Gem Mining at [Clark's Elioak Farm](#)

Enjoy Costume Parades on Saturday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Visit the Dinosaurs in the Enchanted Pine Tree Forest and find gemstones & minerals at the flume. Come dressed as your favorite dinosaur.

Admission to Clark's Elioak Farm is \$6.00 per person; additional admission to visit The Enchanted Dinosaur Forest is \$5.00 per person. Combination Ticket for both the Farm and the Dinosaur Forest is \$10.00 per person.

Halloween Decorating Cupcake Roadshow!

The Halloween Cupcake Decorating Roadshow is coming to The Mall in Columbia on October 31! Gone Cupcaking! will attempt a Guinness World Record for the largest simultaneous cupcake decorating class in history.

Designed to be family-oriented, participants can choose from four different sessions as the team of decorators will teach techniques for decorating Halloween-style cupcakes. At The Mall in Columbia the sessions will take place at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Cost to participate in the event is only \$19.00 per person or \$75 for a group of four. Pre-registration is required. The original pricing for the class is \$49.

To receive the \$19 pricing option, enter the discount code: **WORLDRECORD** upon checking out. Tickets are available for purchase at www.gonecupcaking.com.

Trick or Treat on Main Street, Ellicott City

Saturday, October 31: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

All little ghouls, goblins, princesses, superheroes and their parents are welcomed by the businesses on Main Street for this annual event! Visit Tourism's [website](#) for more information.

Halloween Reminders

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Halloween is a big treat for kids of all ages but can be a big worry for parents and motorists. Parents can minimize risks this October 31 by following some basic safety tips:

- Parents should accompany small children around the neighborhood. Children old enough to go out on their own should go out in groups and carry a flashlight and cellphone.
- Parents should warn children to cross streets carefully, and should use reflective tape on costumes so drivers can see them.
- Parents should inspect all treats before letting children eat them.
- Parents should practice defensive driving. Never drink and drive. Ever. Watch out for the other guy who may not take this advice to heart.

Howard County police want to remind residents that officers will be patrolling on Halloween to help ensure a safe and fun evening for all. Officers will be in residential neighborhoods to be visible to citizens and make sure children stay safe.

During the day on October 31, the HCPD's Pathway Patrol Section is hosting "Bike with a Cop." Kids ages 5-12 and their parents are invited to bike around the Columbia Lakefront with officers. Bike-friendly costumes are welcome. For more information, visit www.HCPD.org.

Ghana Fest 2

Columbia Association will host an afternoon of Ghanaian music, drumming, dance and refreshments at Ghana Fest 2, the latest event celebrating Columbia's expanding relationship with its new sister city of Tema.

Ghana Fest 2 will be held on Sunday, November 8, 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane in the Wilde Lake Village Center. The event will celebrate the signing of the official Sister Cities agreement between Columbia and Tema and the beginning of the youth and adult exchanges between the two communities.



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